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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, PI, SN, ASEAN

SUBJECT: PM LEE'S CONCERNS OVER US-ASEAN ECONOMIC  
DIALOGUE

REF: SINGAPORE 204

1. QUESTION OF LOCATION AND FORMAT OF US-ASEAN TALKS IS  
A MATTER FOR ASEAN TO DECIDE. IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD BE  
UNWISE TO INSERT OURSELVES INTO ASEAN'S DECISION-MAKING  
PROCESS OR SEEK TO INFLUENCE THIS ESSENTIALLY INTERNAL  
DECISION. MARCOS' ALLEGED DESIRE TO PUT OFF ASEAN-US  
TALKS WOULD SEEM TO BE MORE OF AN ASEAN THAN A US PROBLEM.

2. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO AVOID DIRECT COMMENT ON  
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LEE'S PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION TO OUR DESIRE TO STAY OUT  
OF ASEAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE THAT  
IT IS BEST WAY TO PROCEED SHOULD IT TURN OUT THAT  
PHILIPPINES FAILS TO FOLLOW THROUGH IN ARRANGING JOINT  
CONSULTATIONS. LEE'S ANXIETY TO PRESS AHEAD DESPITE  
PHILIPPINES SEEMS TO STEM FROM SOMEWHAT NARROWLY BASED  
OBJECTIVE OF USING CONSULTATIONS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE U.S.

TAX LEGISLATION DETRIMENTAL TO FLOW OF INVESTMENT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. WHILE LATTER WOULD CERTAINLY BE LEGITIMATE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION DURING CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE ALREADY

AWARE OF SINGAPORE'S CONCERN AND DO NOT SEE IT AS CONTROLLING FACTOR WHICH SHOULD GOVERN BOTH TIMING AND COMPOSITION OF CONSULTATIONS.

3. SHOULD TOPIC BE RAISED BY LEE OR RAJARATNAM FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN FROM MANILA, YOU SHOULD REAFFIRM IN GENERAL TERMS OUR INTEREST IN HOLDING ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ASEAN REPLY TO OUR INITIATIVE IN WHATEVER MANNER IT DEEMS SUITABLE. IF LEE EXPRESSES NEED FOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER INFLUENCE U.S. TAX LEGISLATION, YOU SHOULD REASSURE HIM THAT USG WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES INTO CONSIDERATION REGARDLESS OF CONSULTATIONS.

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